

NEWS OF THE WEEK FROM OVER WORLD

HAPPENINGS IN OUR OWN AND
OTHER COUNTRIES HERE
ARE BRIEFLY TOLD.

SHORT ITEMS FOR BUSY MEN

Condensation of Week's News Reviewed Without Comment—All Nations Find Something to Edify and Instruct.

Mrs. Nettie Douglas of Harrisburg, Ill., has just finished a fast of 41 days' duration, during which time not a morsel of food passed her lips.

The Griffin bill, which provides for a retirement system for all civil service employees in the postal service, has been favorably reported to the house.

James T. Pell, 87, who piloted the Robert E. Lee to victory in her race with the Natchez on the Mississippi river in June, 1870, is dead at his home in Covington, Ky.

Fire swept the desert town of Needles, Cal., destroying the entire business section and causing the death of five persons who were trapped in the two hotels.

Only 30,000 of the 128,000 national guardsmen of the department of the east, comprising 22 states east of the Mississippi and the District of Columbia, were in mobilization camps six days after the call was issued.

Thirteen thousand tons of Chinese copper cash, valued at \$2,180,000 gold, was exported from Tsingtau to Japan during the past year.

Ralph de Palma won the annual Des Moines (Ia.) automobile derby at 150 miles; Henderson, second; Rickenschlager, third.

Henry Ford, the automobile manufacturer, announced that he will erect an \$8,000,000 plant to manufacture automobile parts in a Detroit suburb.

When word was received in St. Joseph, Mo., that the Fourth regiment was in need of transportation facilities, citizens raised funds with which to purchase three motor delivery cars.

The municipality of Berlin has decided to organize communal feeding of the population. The first public kitchen will be opened on July 7.

The services of members of the uniform rank of the Junior Order of United American Mechanics in the event of war with Mexico have been tendered Secretary of War Baker.

Lyle Austin and Oliver Weakley were killed by lightning 15 miles northwest of Murphysboro, Ill. Austin was plowing corn and drove under a tree. Weakley was loading hay.

Mr. At. newspaper editor; Senator Louis M. Rojas, director of the Biblioteca Nacional, and Modesto Rolland, engineer, have been invited to meet William Jennings Bryan at El Paso in a peace conference.

Gifts to Harvard university during the year amounted to \$1,344,283.

The American embassy has asked the British government for information regarding the arrest of three citizens of the United States in connection with the recent rebellion in Ireland.

Of the 14 sons, all living, of Mrs. Mary Wolfe of Baltimore, six are wearing the uniforms of United States soldiers.

Yale college will admit women to her medical school. Heretofore the bars of the university had been let down to women only in the graduate school.

Charles E. Hughes, Jr., is to be a corporal in the New York militia, as shown by the published list of officers. Archie Roosevelt is to be a battalion quartermaster.

Capt. William R. Hardin, who detained his company (the Twelfth) at Nevada, Mo., reported that of his 65 men 12 were ordained Baptist ministers.

Six persons were killed and 11 injured in a fire which broke out in the Imperial hotel, Liverpool.

The Graduate School in Medical Science, recently established by the University of Illinois, was opened at the University of Illinois college of medicine.

All women and children, prisoners in the city jail and patients in the hospital are being sent into the interior from Matamoros, Mexico.

State department attaches who have reached the border on their way out of Mexico, estimate there still are approximately 4,000 Americans south of the Rio Grande.

The senate's judiciary committee voted to report the annual diplomatic appropriation bill with a \$190,000 increase.

More than 1,300 station agents employed by the Illinois Central and the Yazoo & Mississippi Valley railroads have received an increase of 6 per cent in pay and a reduction in hours.

In conference with members of the Democratic national committee, President Wilson indicated that plans for the fall campaign will be held up until the executive or "steering" committee is appointed.

It was announced at the White House that the nomination of Attorney-General Thomas Watt Gregory of Austin, Tex., to be a justice of the supreme court to succeed Charles Evans Hughes, resigned, would be sent to the senate.

Isaac Davenport, 32 years old, of Richmond, Va., secretary of the Pan-American Insurance Co., shot and killed himself in his apartments at Indianapolis.

The Colorado board of pardons has granted a 90-day reprieve to Col. James C. Bulger, under sentence to be hanged at midnight Saturday for the murder of Lloyd F. Nicodemus.

A Mexican later identified as having taken part in the bandit raid was captured at the ranch of a Texas Mexican near Yescos, two miles from San Benito.

Mrs. Isaac Reed was killed and her husband and a son, Benjamin Reed, were injured when their home, near Mt. Carmel, Ill., was wrecked by a high wind.

At least five workmen were killed and 20 seriously injured in an explosion followed by fire in the plant of the Canadian Explosives Co., Ltd., at Parry Sound.

The movement for the construction of a tunnel under the English channel has been revived and the question is to be discussed in the house of commons on a resolution offered by Arthur Fell.

It is learned that the Duke of Connaught will likely close his term as Canadian viceroy some time in the fall and that Lord Curzon of Kedleston, former viceroy of India, will be his successor.

An admission that the Mexicans who fired upon the American expedition retreating from Mexico near Matamoros were Carranzistas, not bandits, was contained in a message received at the Mexican consulate.

An effort by Senator Overman to have Senator James' speech before the St. Louis convention printed as a public document was blocked in the senate by Senator Smoot, who refused unanimous consent.

An army of 30,000 trained men, many of whom received their military education in the Russian, German and Austrian armies, has been placed at the disposal of the government by the Polish Falcons Alliance of America for service in Mexico.

A copy of a message was brought to El Paso from Juarez reads: "At the outbreak of hostilities with the United States arrest all Catholics, clergies and other enemies of the constitutional government."

Complete returns from the 42 precincts of Duluth, Minn., show a dry victory by 565 votes in the local option election. The total vote was nearly 16,000.

The American steamer Seaconnet has struck a mine and been wrecked.

Senator Massay Artola and Congressman Armado Andre, Cuban statesmen, fought a pistol duel.

Discrepancies between the collections of four Springfield (Mo.) officials under a former administration and their payments to the city, totaling \$1,905, were reported to Mayor Gideon.

Joseph Decker of Valparaiso, Ind., active in chamber of commerce work, superintended the digging of his own grave, which will be entirely lined with concrete.

Pensions of not less than \$20 a month for all civil war widows will be provided by a bill passed by the house.

A union picket was killed in San Francisco in a battle between striking longshoremen and strike-breakers.

Sir John Eliah Blunt, British consul at Boston from 1899 to 1902, is dead at the age of 84. Sir John had been in the consular service since 1859.

Billy Sunday left Kansas City with a cashier's check for \$32,000, which the people gave to him as a thank offering. Sunday preached 93 sermons to 1,356,000 persons, and 20,546 of them "hit the sawdust trail."

A reunion of the Bryan family, with Mr. and Mrs. William J. Bryan and Charles Bryan as guests of honor, was held at Salem, Ill., at the home of Mollie Webster, a cousin of W. J. Bryan.

As a result of a clash between mine police and I. W. W. agitators, two persons are in the hospital at Hibbing, Minn.

More than 150 blind persons received \$37.50 each from Cook county, Ill., as the pension due for the months of April, May and June.

A majority of the Berlin newspaper proprietors have decided to reduce the size of their publications from July 1, owing to the increasing cost of paper.

CARRANZA MUST FREE AMERICANS

SILENCE OF DE FACTO GOVERNMENT CAUSES CONCERN AMONG OFFICIALS.

CONGRESS BEHIND WILSON

President Wilson Will Ask Authority of Congress to Rescue 23 American Prisoners By Force if Not Released.

Washington.—Unless Gen. Carranza surrenders the 23 American troops held at Chihuahua City, President Wilson probably will go before congress to ask for authority to rescue them by force. Pending their release the United States government will not consider any offer of mediation or arbitration.

The state department has no intimation as to when a reply to the note sent Sunday demanding immediate release of the soldiers might be expected.

Prompt compliance by congress with any request the president may make as to Mexico was foreshadowed by the calm which prevailed in both houses. Although measures designed to prepare for war were under consideration and the corridors of the capitol hummed with rumors, there was no excitement and discussion of the subject on the floor was avoided. The legislative branch of the government was plainly waiting to do its part when what the majority regarded as inevitable should come.

Galveston, Texas.—A private message from Mexico City states that the Mexican reply to the American ultimatum has started for Washington and that it is a complete defiance of the demands made by the Washington government.

MEXICANS RAID BORDER

Ranchman and Wife Are Murdered in Night—Cavalry in Pursuit and Follow Into Mexico.

Hachita, N. M.—American cavalry and citizen posses are riding hard across the desert prairie south of here in pursuit of the Mexican raiders who murdered William Parker and his wife and drove away their cattle. Orders have been issued to capture or kill the Mexicans. The pursuing forces are now near the international boundary and have orders to cross if necessary.

Detachments of cavalry from Hachita, Alamo Hueco and Culberson's ranch are leading the chase. They are followed by a dozen automobiles loaded with civilians from the little tank station of Hachita.

The first report of the raid and the murderous attack on Parker and his wife was received at Columbus. A breathless, hatless rider dashed into the military camp there. He was an employee of the Parker ranch.

Disconnectedly he told of shots in the night which awakened him. Mounted and armed Mexicans were shooting into the windows and through the doors of the place. Parker was killed in his own bedroom and then Mrs. Parker was shot and instantly killed.

The firing continued for some time. The few employees of the ranch endeavored to get their arms and defend the house, but the Mexicans, after looting the place and herding the horses and cattle in the corral together, galloped away shouting "Viva Mexico," "Viva La Patria."

VILLA NOT WANTED.

Carranza Ambassador Says De Facto Troops Not to Enlist Him.

Washington.—A report that Francisco Villa and a body of his followers are to be mustered into the Carranza army in the event of war with the United States has been officially denied by Eliseo Arredondo, Carranza's ambassador designate here. Mr. Arredondo said he had been advised from Mexico City that under no circumstances would Villa or the bandits allied with him be permitted to serve with the de facto troops.

GOMPERS WIRES MEXICANS.

Mexican Labor Leaders Ask Conference With Americans.

Washington.—Samuel Gompers has telegraphed Mexican labor leaders at Eagle Pass, Texas, that the executive council of the American Federation of Labor would be pleased to meet here with a delegation of organized workers of Mexico. Mr. Gompers' message was sent in reply to one saying Mexican workers wished to meet the executive council for the realization of its "pacifist program."

2,500 FRENCH CAPTURED.

Berlin.—Capture of the armored fortress of Thiaumont, north of Verdun, and the fort and village of Fleury, further south, has been announced by the war office. Ground also was gained south of Vaux. The Germans made 2,500 prisoners.

German troops have repulsed attempts of the Russians to advance south of Iloukret and north of Widzy, in the Drinsk sector, according to the official statement issued today at German army headquarters.

CLASH MEANS CERTAIN WAR

Gen. Pershing With 3,000 Men Moves Eastward in Direction of Carrizal and Villa Ahumada.

El Paso, Tex.—While Mexican officials here and in Juarez were loudly talking of the brightening prospects of the difficulties with the United States being settled by arbitration, authentic news reached American military officers of another westward movement of Carranza troops from Villa Ahumada in the direction of El Valle and Colonia Dublan, the principal bases of the American punitive expedition under Brig.-Gen. John J. Pershing. At the same time comes news from Columbus of a semi-official nature that Gen. Pershing has dispatched a force of 3,000 men east from Colonia Dublan in the general direction of Carrizal and Villa Ahumada.

The exact purpose of this move is not disclosed, but the situation is believed to be one fraught with considerable danger. The chances for a meeting between the advance columns are excellent, and after Carrizal it is not believed that the American troops will use verbal arguments with any body that tries to block their way.

Representatives of the war and state departments here do not attempt to conceal their anxiety over the situation, unhesitatingly stating that a battle of the character that appears to be imminent would end all negotiations now under way between the two governments and produce an actual state of war.

MEXICAN LINES BROKEN

American Soldiers Break Through Mexican Lines in Charge of Gen. Felix Gomez at Carrizal.

San Antonio, Tex.—The force of the Tenth United States cavalry under Capt. Charles T. Boyd succeeded in breaking through the lines of the Mexican forces under Gen. Felix Gomez at Carrizal, according to a message from Gen. Pershing to Gen. Funston, but whether any of them were able to make their escape still is unknown.

Capt. Boyd's men of Troop C took the ditch in which the front line of Mexican troops were entrenched and charged through into the town of Carrizal. Troop L, under Capt. Lewis Morey, charged with Troop C, but were outflanked and forced to take refuge in an adobe house. They at least had a chance to defend themselves from cover, but their ultimate fate is unknown, as is that of the regiment of Capt. Boyd's troop.

This news came to Gen. Pershing by courier from Maj. John M. Jenkins, commanding a squadron of the relief expedition sent out from Colonia Dublan. Maj. Jenkins also announced that he had found five members of Capt. Boyd's command at San Luis ranch. They also were horse soldiers, as were the other stragglers who have reported. They did not see the finish of the fight, but their stories, according to Maj. Jenkins' courier, confirmed the stories of the other stragglers that the attack had been opened by the Mexican troops without provocation.

EASTERN GUARDS LEAVE.

National Guard of State of Connecticut First To Leave.

New York.—The national guard of the state of Connecticut was the first to leave for the Mexican border, according to a telegram received at the headquarters of Maj.-Gen. Wood, commanding the department of the east. The contingent, comprising virtually all the units of the state's militia, left on a special train of eight sections.

The contingent numbers more than 2,000 and will go to El Paso. It is composed of the First and Second regiments of infantry, troop B of cavalry, one company signal corps, one ambulance company and one field hospital. More will follow within a few days.

Two Americans Slain.

Douglas, Ariz.—William Robertson and Tom Snyder, American cattlemen, have been killed by Mexicans southwest of Naco, Sonora, according to a statement of military officials from Augua Prieta. Officials at Arispe have telegraphed Gen. P. Elias Calles confirming the death of A. R. Dickson, a British subject, who was wounded in the fighting with Mexican cowboys, in which Jim Parks, an American prospector, was killed.

Mexicans Loyal to U. S.

Brownsville, Texas.—A proclamation issued to the citizens of Starr county, the majority of whom are Mexicans or of Mexican descent, announced the organization of "Defense Social," an organization whose purpose is to surround and guard the town of Rio Grande City; resist any invasion of the United States and prevent any hostile demonstration.

House Favors Appropriation.

Washington.—The house, 119 to 5, disagreed to the senate amendment to the Hay resolution eliminating the \$1,000,000 relief appropriation for dependent families of enlisted men drafted into the federal military service.

Pope Benedict For Peace.

London.—A wireless dispatch from Rome says that Pope Benedict has appealed to President Wilson and Gen. Carranza to use their earnest endeavors to avert war.

GRAPHIC STORY OF AMBUSHED TROOPS

Surviving Trooper Tells of Fight of Tenth Cavalry.

WERE OUTNUMBERED 5 TO 1

Caught by Mexican Machine Guns Which Opened Fire at Signal From Gomez—Horses Were Shot Down or Broke Away.

El Paso, Tex.—One of the most graphic stories in the history of the American army is that told by one of the four couriers sent by the commanding officer of the ambushed troops of the Tenth cavalry when he reached General Pershing's headquarters with his appeal for relief for his comrades. The following is the story he tells: "We had been marching since early Wednesday morning when we reached the neighborhood of Carrizal. Capt. Charles T. Boyd was riding ahead of the column. Just behind him was Capt. Lewis S. Morey, Lieut. Henry R. Adair was further back with the column. There were 66 men in the troop.

Outnumbered 5 to 1.

"From our position we could see some Mexican soldiers in the village. Captain Boyd sent forward a messenger under a flag of truce to ask permission to enter the town in search of the bandits that we were hunting. Gen. Felix Gomez sent back word giving permission to enter.

"Gomez himself rode out to meet Captain Boyd. Captain Boyd gave the word for the column to advance. We were just starting forward when we noticed Mexican troops pouring out from behind different kinds of shelter—adobe houses and the like—and deploying to the right and left. It was battle formation. From the first glance we saw that they outnumbered us at least five to one.

"Captain Boyd noticed their movement. To any soldier that sort of thing can mean only that an attack is about to be made. I saw Captain Boyd motion to the Mexicans and make some remark about it to Gomez. Gomez wheeled his mount around and signaled with his hands. Then he made a dash for his own lines.

"At the same time a couple of machine guns, one at each end of the Mexican line, opened up on us. We were caught in our saddles in easy range, and we were good targets. I saw Captain Boyd fall. A moment later Captain Morey was wounded in the shoulder.

"Lieutenant Adair gave us the order to dismount. We got out of our saddles in a hurry. Then he told us to throw ourselves on our faces and return the fire. Someone got Gomez just as he was reaching his line. The next minute Lieutenant Adair was hit. Both he and Captain Boyd are dead, I believe.

Horses Going Down.

"The machine guns were still going. I could hear the bullets whizzing over us. Because of Lieutenant Adair's order we saved a lot of men. But the horses did not have the same luck. The bullets started to hit them, and they were going down as if their legs were suddenly cut out from under them.

"The others, stung by the bullets and kicked by the dying horses, began to rear and plunge. The men in charge tried their best to hold them, but they broke away. Some of the men were killed trying to save their mounts.

"When the horses got away we were marooned. We fought back and prevented the Mexicans from advancing in spite of their advantage in numbers and the machine guns. We began to fall back toward the hills as well as we could.

"We recovered four horses and then the four of us were sent here to report. We left the rest of the troops in the hills. The retreat was slow because of the wounded. The Mexicans kept firing, but were kept away by the accurate rifle fire of our men."

Nervous Apprehension.

"They are not going to cut me up if I go to the hospital, are they?" "Of course not, when you're going just for a rest. What makes you think they are?" "Because when I called up the hospital a voice said 'Operator.'"

Frightful Prospect.

Miss Fadden—I'm sure you'll sign this petition we're getting up to end the war.

Reggie—Bah Jove, I'll go you! They say that if it lasts much longer we'll have 50-cent gasoline.—Life.

Very Serious View.

"Do you consider it proper to bet on an election?"

"Certainly not. An election compels you to take chances enough on your prospects of prosperity without risking ready money on it."

Wrong Position.

"You've gone and put the prizefighter's picture at the bottom of the page."

"Well, what of it?"

"If you have any regard for the fitness of things make it an upper cut."

Chip Off the Old Block.

Mrs. Howells—Your baby resembles his father very much, don't you think? Mrs. Growells—Yes, in both looks and actions. Why, he even cries for the moon in the daytime instead of at night, just to be contrary.

FOR IMPROVEMENT OF STATE HIGHWAYS

THE TENNESSEE HIGHWAY COMMISSION HAS A FUND OF \$112,086.43.

APPOINTMENTS ARE MADE

By the State Board of Elections in Meeting at Nashville—Another Meeting May Be Held—Capitol News.

—Nashville.

The Tennessee highway commission has a fund amounting to \$112,086.43 for highway purposes in the various counties of the state. The amount stated will be increased to something like \$35,000 by July 1, the end of the fiscal year. This money is derived from the automobile tax, which the law directs shall be spent on designated state highways.

O. M. West, chief clerk and statistician, has submitted some interesting facts and figures in connection with this fund. According to his statement the "fund is not turned over to the counties all at once, but is spent by the county road officials under the direction of the state department and is not available until a contract has been entered between the county and the state officials. Application for use of the fund must be made by the county judge of the county to the state department of highways. In the apportionment it is shown that the 32 East Tennessee counties in which the tax was paid lead with \$41,500; Middle Tennessee, with 39 counties paying the tax, came second, with \$37,250, and West Tennessee, with 20 counties, third, with \$33,250. East Tennessee has spent much larger sums for road work than either of the other grand divisions of the state."

The state board of elections, at a meeting at the state capitol, filled vacancies in the county boards of Hamilton and Loudon, in East Tennessee, and Stewart, in Middle Tennessee. In Hamilton J. B. F. Lowry was appointed in the place of F. Randolph Howell, nominee for tax assessor. In Loudon Thomas M. Brazzale was appointed to succeed Dr. J. G. Ebling, resigned. In Stewart County H. W. Stout was appointed to succeed Lacey Reynolds, who failed to qualify because of an intention to become a candidate for office.

Chairman J. M. Brackin made the Hamilton county appointment. Secretary J. Pardue the Stewart county and James R. Penland, the Republican member, the other new appointment. Secretary Pardue reports that a number of counties are slow in reporting qualifications, and he has sent notices to all appointees that they must qualify at once and notify the state board. The board may have to meet again before the August election if the appointees do not qualify.

Good Roads Day.

Thursday, July 27, has been set aside as good roads day in Tennessee by Gov. Rye, at which time every citizen in the state has been invited to take his shovel and pick in hand and devote the day to the betterment of the roads in his community.

It is mentioned by the Tennessee department of highways that more than \$130,000,000 has been spent in the state for road improvements in the last 15 years. In 1913 and 1914, 44 counties in the state spent a total of \$12,474,298, derived from bond issues, in building better roads.

The sum of \$8,000,000 was appropriated through county courts and bonds issued for roads during 1915. Adding to this the amount of free labor and cost of bridges and the total for 1915 approximated \$12,000,000.

Tennessee Charters.

The following charters were filed with the secretary of state June 26:

Lee-Harris-Iseberg Company of Hamilton county, capital stock \$7,500; incorporators, David L. Lee, Pryor L. Harris, Samuel M. Iseberg, W. E. Grubb and George S. Hale.

Tennessee Trust Company of Washington county, capital stock \$50,000; incorporators, J. E. Brading, George T. Wofford, Charles E. Cargille, James P. Adams, E. C. Crouch and Samuel C. Williams.

No one was injured, but fire damage was done, when lightning struck a street car in Memphis.

Mail For Militia.

Postmaster Shannon has informed Adj.-Gen. Rogan that the postoffice department stands ready to establish at Cumberland War a mail distributing office for the benefit of the soldier boys while in camp. Postmaster Shannon has suggested to the first assistant postmaster-general at Washington that, as 2,000 soldiers will be brought together at Cumberland Park, a branch postoffice be established there, with two deliveries and two collections daily, and that an automobile be used for the purpose.